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Reason for Study

a) Type of study

b) Motivation of applicant

<u>Summary of Contacts</u>: Include dates and places of contact, and with whom contact was made.

<u>Description of Family Members</u>: Include about each household member all applicable information as follows:

- a) Attitude toward children (most important of all)
- b) Social history
- c) Marital history
- d) Military history
- e) Education
- f) Health
- g) Employment history
- h) Extended family

Family Relationships

- a) Present marriage roles, responsibilities; stability of relationship if not married
- b) Interaction between parents and/or children
- c) Group activities and shared interests
- d) Religious practice
- e) Methods of discipline

Financial Status

- a) Source and amount of income
- b) Management/indebtedness

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<u>Health Status</u> - summarize information from medical forms, coupled with information gained from interviews.

Home and Environment:

- a) Description of home and surroundings
- b) Housekeeping standards
- c) Special safety considerations and particularly those that relate to foster family home rules.

Attitudes Toward Fostering

- a) Type of child desired
- b) Attitude toward birth parents and frequent visiting; willingness to work with whole family
- c) Special considerations, i.e., medically fragile, behaviorally disordered, cultural diversities, sibling groups.
- d) Open to agency supervision
- e) Parenting skills
- f) Support by own children and extended family of fostering.

Family's Understanding of and Response to Agency Policy Regarding:

- a) Rules and regulations
- b) Payment system
- c) Agency organization
- d) No corporal punishment
- e) Role as team member

Summary of References:

a) Highway Patrol (arrests and convictions; consider relevance to additional child-caring responsibilities)

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b) CA/N Central Registry, Family Support Division (FSD) (consider relevance to additional child-caring responsibilities)

- c) Documentation of CaseNet review
- d) Family Care Safety Registry Report
- e) Personal
- f) Employment
- g) School

Evaluation: (Include compliance with licensing rules)

Recommendation

Signature of Worker and Date Signed

Approval of Supervisor Including Signature and Date

Signature of Foster/Kinship Parent and Date Signed

MEMORANDA HISTORY: CS03-05; CD04-05; CD04-79